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Attorney General John Ashcroft
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Dear Mr. Ashcroft:

I understand the Department of Justice is accepting and publishing public comments for the first time since the antitrust suit was brought against Microsoft more than three years ago. Here are some of my views on what I'd like to see happen.

Microsoft has been cooperative throughout this lawsuit. They have agreed that if a third party's exercise of any options provided for by the settlement would infringe any of Microsoft's intellectual property rights, Microsoft will provide the third party with a license to use the necessary intellectual property on reasonable and non-discriminatory terms. Microsoft has also agreed to the establishment of a technical committee that will monitor Microsoft's compliance with the settlement and assist in resolving disputes.

I urge you to do your part in ending this lawsuit. We've already reached an agreement. Let's move forward and deal with some of the more pressing issues, such as rebuilding the technology sector so that we can revive this economy.



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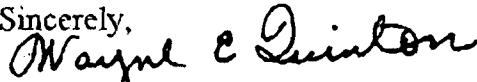
Dear Mr. Ashcroft:

I am writing to tell you what I think of the Microsoft Case. This case is certainly not serving the public interest; it wasn't even brought on by the public. It was brought on because of their competitors' influence and is now being paid for with tax money. This case is a ridiculous waste of tax money. People are suing Microsoft because they can't compete. I think there is something wrong when the law allows that.

Microsoft is passing on their technology secrets to their competitors and has even promised not to retaliate when competitors create products from that technology that would compete with Microsoft. If that's not fair, then I don't see what would be. Breaking up the company would be disastrous to our country's economy.

This settlement is long past due and needs to be accepted immediately. Accepting this settlement is the right way to end this mess. Thank you for your time.

Sincerely,



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